

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [040] with the following paragraph.

[0040] After the first amplification step, the AHAS3 amplification reaction product or mixture is purified to remove the AHAS3-specific amplification primers. Any ~~one~~ of the purification methods described above may be used for this step. Preferably, Exonuclease I is used to remove the AHAS3 amplification primers.